GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TSUNAMI VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the findings of the recent mid term review conducted by the core Group in the Planning Commission regarding the implementation of various projects under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme; and

(b) the further steps proposed to expedite the completion of the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 576 FOR 15.05.2007 REGARDING "TSUNAMI VICTIMS".

A review of the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme was carried out by the Core Group in the Planning Commission during October 2006. The review focused on the revised cost estimates/phasing of funds for 2007-08 and 2008-09 keeping in view the status of reconstruction/rehabilitation. Based on the review, the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) in its meeting held on 10.01.07 approved the revised cost estimates for the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme at Rs. 9822.10 crore to be implemented over a four year period from 2005-06 to 2008-09.

The EGoM also decided that:

i. No major fluctuations in the programme should be allowed and the implementation agencies should complete the work in a scientific manner with a view to providing relief and rehabilitating people but not as an employment giving exercise.

ii. The proposal of the Planning Commission for keeping a provision for extending the time-frame of the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme beyond 2008-09 has not been approved.

iii. States/UTs should set quarterly physical and financial targets for proper implementation/monitoring of the programme.